



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2019

I would like to welcome the members of ASA to the AGM and thank you for your attendance. It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for 2019.

This has been my third year as President and I thank the Society and its members for the privilege. I would like to thank this year's committee members for their contribution to the society and personally for their support and assistance. Representing ASA at events alongside our international MOU partners has been extremely enjoyable and rewarding. Again – sincere thanks to the Society for the opportunity.

Planning and organisation for the 2019 conference in Perth has taken an enormous amount of effort from a group of dedicated people. While there will be opportunities to properly thank the organising committee and Kate and her team from Conference Design during the conference I would like to acknowledge and congratulate them now. As I've said previously, my role as President has given me a greater appreciation of the many things that are required behind the scenes.

As a joint conference in association with Flight Nurses Australia. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing relationship between ASA and FNA and look forward to continuing and enhancing it in to the future.

It is wonderful that representatives of our International MOU and Accord partners continue to travel to Australia and New Zealand to support our conferences. Our friends from Europe (EHAC), North America (AAMS), the Society of Aeromedicine Malaysia (SAMMs) and China (CAMRA) are here with us in Perth. I believe nurturing and enhancing these international relationships is an important focus as ASA endeavours to further the aeromedical industry as a whole.

This year has seen progress made in areas the committee has agreed are in the long term strategic interests of ASA.



- A general review of ASA membership and services continues. Conference Design has provided a proposal for its services in relation to membership enhancement. An initial review has made some changes to the draft document and its consideration will continue by the incoming Executive team.
- An agreement was signed earlier this year with Conference Design for a three year term. The ASA committee has resolved to attempt preparations for conferences earlier to provide predictability for all involved, including our sponsors and exhibitors. Locations for the next three years conferences have been nominated while discussions with sponsors and presenters have already started in relation to 2020 and 2021.
- Our conversations with Leonardo helicopters over recent years has resulted in them becoming corporate members of ASA and majors sponsors of this year's conference. Work is continuing to grow the relationship in to the future and similar discussions are now occurring with other corporate organisations.
- Some changes have been made to the monthly committee meeting agenda and minutes structures in an attempt to direct focus on to key tasks. This has worked quite well and has been achieved with the ongoing cooperation of the committee. I would like to acknowledge the role of the Secretary in helping to make the changes and keeping us all honest!! Di has done an outstanding job.
- The Society's annual scholarship of \$3000 was awarded to Dr Rowena Christiansen from Victoria. She will be attending the Aerospace Medical Association conference in Atlanta next year. Rowena has committed to submit an abstract for ASA's 2020 conference to relay the benefits of her scholarship. Disappointingly we continue to receive relatively few applications. I would encourage the vigorous promotion of this fantastic facility and for more members to take advantage of the opportunity. The committee should continue to look at ways to enhance the benefits for both ASA and the successful candidate.



It is very pleasing that ASA's financial position remains healthy. Our conference in Hobart last year returned a modest financial benefit and we are predicting a similar result for Perth. ASA has managed to keep its membership fees low and provide relatively competitive conference attendance fees also. I would like to thank the Treasurer for his stewardship of the accounts over the year. While currently positive, I would recommend the committee looks more thoroughly in to enhancing financial resilience to protect ASA from sudden or negative events in the future.

Again, my sincere thanks to the members of the ASA Committee for their valuable contributions to the Society over the past year:

David Waters, Vice President, New Zealand

Dave Greenberg, Treasurer, New Zealand

Di Fuller, Secretary, New Zealand

Graeme Field, New South Wales

Andrew Berry, New South Wales

Paul Gallagher, New South Wales

Paul Ingram, Western Australia

Chris Webber, New South Wales

Simon Cradock, South Australia

James Koens, New South Wales

Jodie Martin, Northern Territory

I would also like to thank Catherine Jones for her diligent administrative support over the last 12 months. It is greatly appreciated.



In conclusion, I would like to extend my best wishes to the incoming 2020 Committee and thank those taking on new roles.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Buick". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Mark Buick
PRESIDENT
16th October 2019 – Perth, Australia

Recommendation - that the 2019 President's report be accepted.